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PENCE TO HONOR LOCAL BUSINESSMAN

Jeff Smiley of Smiley's Body Shop to receive "Small Business Job Creation Award"

Washington, May 15, 2003 - WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Mike Pence today announced that Jeff Smiley, owner of Smiley's Body Shop, is a recipient of the "Small Business Job Creation Award." Pence will officially recognize Smiley when he hosts a town hall meeting Saturday in New Castle.

"Jeff Smiley's commitment to creating jobs in Henry County is outstanding," said Pence. "His entrepreneurial spirit should serve as an inspiration and hope to small business owners across eastern Indiana. I commend Jeff for his diligence and work ethic and I'm pleased to have the opportunity to recognize him for his efforts."

Through his collision repair and commercial painting business, Jeff has hired six new employees in the last year. Jeff will have an even greater impact on the local economy through the development of the 83 acres he owns on the north side of town. The local YMCA has acquired five of those acres and a six-screen movie theater will be going up soon. In addition, a 9,000 square foot office building and several restaurants are expected at the site.

WHO: Congressman Mike Pence

WHAT: Presentation of Small Business Job Creation Award and Town Hall Meeting

WHEN: 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17

WHERE: Superior Court Room 3, second floor of Henry County Justice Center
1215 Race Street, New Castle

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